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Ref: 8EPR-SR

Mr. Jeffrey Lee Gallo
1709 Hwy 2 South
Libby, MT 59923

Dear Mr. Gallo:

You requested a letter from EPA regarding the status of your property at 1709 Highway 2 South. EPA recently conducted an inspection of the property. The purpose of the inspection was to identify potential sources of Libby asbestos, such as vermiculite attic insulation, and to collect soil samples if necessary. Our inspection revealed the presence of vermiculite attic insulation as well as some visible vermiculite in the soils of the backyard. We have not yet analyzed the soil samples which were collected.

Due to the presence of vermiculite attic insulation, the property was added to EPA's indoor cleanup list. The need for outdoor remediation will be evaluated when the soil samples are analyzed, likely late this spring. I do not yet have a time for remediation of this property; EPA hopes to complete all residential cleanups within approximately four years.

Any cleanup performed by EPA will be at no cost to the owner, either current or future. The details of any cleanup will be discussed and agreed upon with the owner prior to any work. If you have any questions, please contact the EPA Information Center in Libby at 293-6194.

Sincerely,

Jim Christiansen
Remedial Project Manager

